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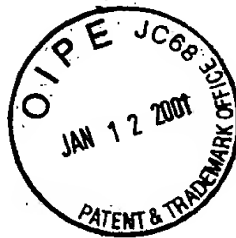
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Group Art Unit 1632

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/621,448; Filed: July 21, 2000
For: **Methods for Producing L-Amino Acids**
Inventors: O'Donohue *et al.*
Our Ref: 1533.1010002/SRL/CMB

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

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2. Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) with copy of Assignment executed by Michael R. O'Donohue and copy of Assignment executed by Paul D. Hanke attached; and
3. A return postcard.

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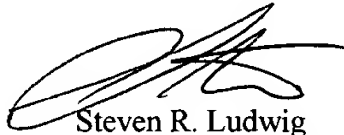
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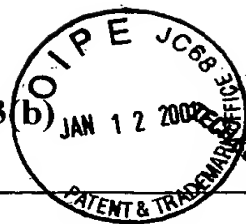
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Applicant: O'Donohue et al.

Application No.: 09/621,448

Filed: July 21, 2000

Entitled: Methods for Producing L-Amino Acids

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, a corporation

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

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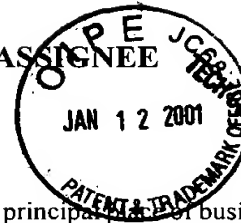
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Title: Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

Signature: ✓ [Signature]

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DATE: ✓ 12/27/00

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DUPLICATE

In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) or equivalent and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned inventors: Michael R. O'Donohue and Paul D. Hanke, the undersigned inventors hereby sell and assign to Archer-Daniels-Midland Company (the Assignee) their entire right, title and interest, including the right to sue for past infringement and to collect for all past, present and future damages:

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(a) in the invention known as Methods for Producing L-Amino Acids for which application(s) for patent in the United States of America has (have) been executed by the undersigned on ✓ December 10th 2000 (also known as United States Application No. 09/621,448, filed July 21, 2000, in any and all applications thereon, in any and all Letters Patent(s) therefor, and

(b) in any and all applications that claim the benefit of the patent application listed above in part (a), including continuing applications, reissues, extensions, renewals and reexaminations of the patent application or Letters Patent therefor listed above in part (a), to the full extent of the term or terms for which Letters Patents issue, and

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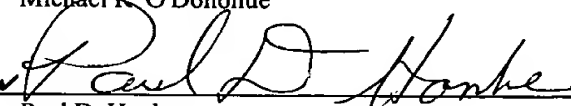
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